JULY 1974

2.7.74 Lakshimi Ooruni Route 6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

Water in the little Tanks drying up fastly - cloudy - no wind -

11. Little Cormorant
12. ~~Purple~~ Heron
13. Night Heron
14. Pied Kingfisher
15. Common Kingfisher
16. White Breasted Kingfisher
17. Pied White Wagtail
18. Common Green BeeEater
19. White throated Munia
20. Jungle Babbler
21. Rose Ringed Parakeet (50 to 60 Came down to the Harvested Field
22. Red Vented Bulbul
23. Indian Robin
24. Palm Swift
25. Common House Swift
26. Hoopoe
27. Koel (Heard)
28. ~~Spotted~~ Ring Dove
29. Rock Pigeon
30. Madras Bush Lark

4.7.74 Peria kanmai Upto North Kalingu
5.45 to 7.45 A.M

Hot sunny morning - dew in the night - water dried up in the northen Kalingu. ~~also~~ Painted storks not comming from east as in the last week. They were already in the middle of the kanmai - fishing operations going on. Few weavers in breeding plumage. Not even a singe Pied Crested Cuckoo. Absense of this and the delayed difficient monsoon. Black winged kites, Pelican and Black winged Stilts also absent. Herons and Munias in good numbers. Brahminy Myna still not arrived.

Cattle Egrets also absent.

One or two Terns and large number of Egretts near the fish activity spot

Singing skylark not prese

⇐ 4.7-74 Periakammai

Grey Heron
31 Purple Heron
32 Painted stork
33 Spoon bill
34 B. Bellied Finch Lark
M. B. Lark.
Rock Pigeon
Ring Dove
R.R. Parakeet
Palm Swift
House Swift
35 Tailor Bird
36 Loten's sun bird
37 Purple sun bird
38 Paddy field warbler
39 Ashy Wren warbler
40 Grey Patridge (Heard)
41 Coucal
Pied Kingfisher
W. Br Kingfisher
W. Throated Munia
42 Spotted Munia
43 Weaver Bird
Common Bee Eater (24
44 River Tern
45 Midean Egret

Redvented Bulbul
Pied White Wagtail
46. Tree Pipit
47 Open billed stork
48 Grey Drongo

7-7-1974 Sethukarai - 7.30 Bus to Irupullani
11.15 Bus to Ramnad

Cloudy-windy-day - Moon set. 7.45 A.M

Most probably this is the last trip for this year. To day even though I had not listed as many birds as in the winter I had good numbers.

Brahminy Myna & Pied Crested Cuckoo were absent at Sethukarai also. ~~They~~ It seems they migrates during monsoon months to more wetter zones. Indian Robins were in good numbers. A wild rattling of a Bird heard repeatedly - but I am not able to recognize the bird. Two Ioras seen.. Blue Faced Malkoha one on the Road side. But not find in the Thorn forest.

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On the beach there is not single bird. Even the Swi

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12. 7. 1974

Birds seen around the house being in the house even without coming down the Road

1. Black Drango
2. Myna
3. ~~House~~ Crow
4. Jungle Babbler
5. Brahminy Myna (absent at Ramnad during June July)
6. Redvented Bulbul.
7. Paddy Bird (in flight)
8. Koel
9 Palm Swift
10. Pur. R. Sunbird. (with nest)
12 Tree Pie
13 Paraih kite
14 Indian Roller
15 Brahmany Kite
16 House Sparrow
17. White Breasted Kfisher
18. Sikara
19. Jungle Crow
20. Swallow.
21. White Headed Wagtail
22. Wood Shrike
23 Spotted Owlet
24. Hoopie
25. Common Babbler
26. Tailor Bird
27. Purple sunbird
28. Rose Ringed Parakeet.

10 Comman Birds
AROUND MUSIRI

1. Common Crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. House Sparrow
4. Common Myna
5. Jungle Babbler
6. Parakeet
7. White Breasted Kingfisher
8. Black Drongo
9. Pied White Wagtail
10. Braih Kite

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11. Purple Sunbird
12. Brahminy Kite
13 Palm Swift
14 Indian Roller
15. Redvented Bulbul
16. Common Bee Eater
17. Rock Pigeon
18. Spotted Doved
19. B.Bellied Finch Lark
20. Weaver Bird

14.7.74 Salem Road - 8.00 to 8.30 A.M.

1. Common Kingfisher
2. W.B. Kingfisher.
3. Paddy Bird
4 Tree Pie
5. Red vented Bulbul
6. Indian Robin
7. White Browed Wagtail.
8. Striated Warbler
9. Common Crow
10. Pariah Kite
11. House Sparrow.
12. House Crow
13. Black Drongo
14. C. Myna
15. Jungle Crow
16. Rose Ringed Parakeet.
17. Weaver Bird ?

15.7.74 Salem Road up to New Bridge 6.00 to 8.10
Returned Via. By Pass Road

Cloudy - windless - day

1 House Crow
2 Jungle Crow
3 House Sparrow
4 Common Myna
5 Brahminy Kite.
6 Pariah Kite
7 Black Drongo
8 Paddy Bird
9 Little Egret
10 Indian Robin
11 Turtle Dove
12 Little Minivet
13 Jungle Babbler
14 Common Wr. H. Babbler
15 W. B. Kingfisher
16 R. V. Bulbul
17 R. R. Parakeet
18 Striated Warbler
19 Ashy Wren Warbler
20 Common Bee Eater
21 Spotted Munia
22 White Backed Munia
23 Koel
24 White throated Munia
25 Weaver Bird.
26 Wood Shrike
27 River Tern
28 Grey Heron
29 Night Heron
30 B. B. Finch Lark
31 Madras Bush Lark
32 Ashy Swallow Shrike
33 Purple Rumped Sunbird
34 Palm Swift
35 House Swift

20.7.74 - 2-30 to 6.30 P.M

By Bus to Ayyampalayam 9 K.M East in the Trichy Road - By cycle upto upper Anicut another 7 K.M.

Cloudy - Wind ~~less~~ very light -

Noted a Purple Rumped sun bird's Nest at 11 K.M mark. Just hanging over water in the Road side Vaikkal above 50 C.M above water. Flight of the bird make it possible to find out the nest - Weaver Birds also building nests. One Bird with green straw in its beak sitting on the wire tried to do some work. When another bird approached the third one (possibly the partner) chased it away. ~~Z~~ Doves and weavers in large numbers. Weavers were seen over sugarcane field about 5.30 P.M. They are making lot of noise and flying in and out of the field. One chestnut bittern flew about and came down in the road side bush. In the upper Anicut There were monkeys with young ones. River Terns and Brahminy kites.

36 Chestnut bittern
37 Magpie Robin
38 F Warbler
39 Golden backed Woodpecker
40 Brahminy Myna
River Tern
Brahminy Kite
Pariah Kite
41 Indian Roller
Common Myna
House Crow
Jungle Crow
Common Bee Eater
Ashy Swallow Shrike
Drongo
Purple Rumped Sunbird
Indian Robin
Weaver Bird
Rose Ringe Parakeet
Turtle Dove
White Breasted Kingfisher
White Backed Munia
42 Coppersmith (Heard
Spotted Munia
Little Minavet
Wood Shrike
Palm Swift
House Swift

Jungle Babbler
43 Tailor Bird (Heard)
Tree Pie
Redvented Bulbul
Striated warbler
44 Spotted Owlet
Turiyur Road

Absence of Pied crested cuckoo noticable - noted one bird while travelling to Madurai
Coucal not noted

22.7.74 upto Thiruvengaimalai 8.30 to 11.00 A.M.

By Bus - Photographed the hillock and the temple - After 9. no bird activity not much as in the early hours. Noted a Black Drango sitting in the nest just 12 feet from the ground in [illegible] மரம் the branch growing over the canal

23.7.74 upto Kottaiyoor - By Bus

8.45 to 10.45. Photographed the nest of the Purple Rumped sun bird - no egg or fledging in the nest. Freshes arrived in the Kaveri - small cannals shut-off.

45. Green Billed Malhoha
46. Shikara
47. Yellow Eyed Babbler
48. Grey Drango.
49. Spotted Dove
50. Rock Pigeon

24.7.74 Turaiyur Road upto 4 K.M
6.30 to 7.15 A.M

The Roads sides have well irrigated garden on both sides. Kalli and other traditional vegetation forms the "Bzar" on both side. But the bird population was not higher. This is due to the high velocity of wind as the road level raises up about 100 metres in its course. Jungle Babblers are very common around this place. Met 10 to 12 Juvenille Bee Eaters

~~Ehoocam~~ Crow
Jungle Crow
Tree Pie
Black Drongo
Jungle Babbler
Red. V. Bulbul.
R. R. Parakeet
Baya weaver

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Kestrel
Common Bee Eater
Koel
Common Myna
White Backed Mania
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28.7-1974 upto New Bridge Via By pass and returned in salem Road

6.00 to 8.00 A.M - cloudy cool morning Harvesting operations going in few fields and ~~platin~~ preparation for planting in one or two fields -

Absence of Hoopie and Crested Cuckoo -

Noticed Two Commond Sand Pipers early arrivals - Weavers numerous around sugercane fields. Noticed one white Browed Bulbul. I hope the number will increase to 50 during November or December. To day it was 35.

New Birds seen.

51 Yellow throated sparrow
52 Common sand Piper
53 Red wattled Lapwing
54 White Breasted waterhen
55 White Browed Bulbul
56 Black Headed Munia
57 Singing Skylark:
58 Tree Pipit

2.8.1974 A Nest of Black Drongo

half completed a week ago. Bird is sitting in the nest.

8.8.1974 Continued to sit in the nest. Seen in the morning and evening.

September 1974

After long intervel to day I went out for bird watching. For the past one or two weeks there were intermiment showers. Pied Crested Cuckoo, Swallow, ~~and~~ Blue Tailed Bee Eaters and Grey Headed Wagtail were arrived In the college I heard Brain Fever Bird.

The Singing cresento of the Black Drangos were not heard in the mornings now. The act may be some connection with Breeding.

Transplanting operations are in full swing around Musiri.

Golden Oreole has not yet arrived. I hope to record at least 70 birds for this month. List on the next page.

19.9.74 ~~AM~~ 3-5 P.M. upto New Bridge and

20.9.74 6 to 7.30 A.M upto Urnayar Parans

20.9.74 6 to 7.00 A.M. upto New Bridge.

1. House Crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. House Sparrow
4. Common Myna
5. Jungle Babbler
6. W. Heade Babbler
7. Indian Roller
8. Indian Robin
9. Black Drongo
10. Pariah Kite
11. Comm. Bee Eater
12. Blue Tailed "
13. W.B. Kingfisher
14 " Kingfisher
15 Common Swift
16 Palm Swift
17. Ashy Shallow Shrike
18. Common Swallow
19. Red Vented Bulbul
20. Purple Sunbird
21. P. Rumped Sunbird
22 Loten's Sunbird
23. Tailor Bird
24 Ashy Wren Warbler
25 . Baya
26. Spotted Dove
27 Tree Pie
28 Short toed Lark
29. Grey Headed Wag Tail
30 Pied White Wag Tail
31 Brain Fever Bird
32. Cuckoo Shrike
33. Brahmany Kite
34. Paddy Bird
35. Little Egret
36. Pied Crested Cuckoo
37. The Iora
38. Common Sandpiper
39. Spotted Sandpiper
40. Rock Pigeon
41. Spotted owlet (heard)
42. R. R. Parakeet
43. W. Backed Munia
44 Wreed Warbler?
45 River Tern.

22.9.74 - 6.00-7.30 A.M Umayalpuram Jungle.

Heavy rains over night. I went upto Umayalpuram as on 20.9.74. Today able to notice few birds. A new variety of Babbler was there. It was very active and makes scratching noise and I found it feeding its young one. Probably two young birds. It has short white lines starting from bill and running just upto the eyes. I should again visit and identify it.

46 Koel
47 Spotted Munia
48 Rufous Babbler?
49 Turtle Dove
50 Grey Drango
51 Wood Shrike
52 ~~Green~~ Billed Malkoha

30.9.1974 - 6.00 - 7.30 A.M. - upto New Bridge -

Common Sandpipers and Spotted Sandpipers ~~are~~ were seen in flocks in the fields where cultivation operations are in progress. Swallows increased in numbers. Shrikes were also seen. While going to Trichy and returning saw Chestnut Bitterns. Little Minivets were absent. Golden Orioles were not yet arrived.

53 Chestnut Bittern
54 Brown shrike
55 Golden Backed Woodpecker
56 Hoopie
57 Shikara
58 Yellow throated Sparrow

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3.10.1974 – 6.30 to 7.30 – Umayalpuram Forest

Heavy Rains on 1.10.74 night – water Ragged inside the forest. Bee Eaters in Large Numbers everywhere – wagtails –

1. House Crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. House Sparrow
4. Yellow throated Sparrow
5. Com. Myna
6. Braminy Kite
7. Pariah Kite
8. Jungle Babbler
9. Swallow
10. Palm Swift
11. Black Drongo
12. Ashy Swallow Shrike
13. Wood Shrike
14. Blue T. B. Eater
15 Common B. Eater
16. W. B. Kingfisher
17. Yellow Wagtail
18. Pied Wagtail
19. Tailor Bird
20. Purple R. Sunbird
21. R. Vented Bulbul
22. White throated Munia
23. Spotted Munia
24. Spotted Dove
25. Turtle Dove
26. Tree Pie
27. Koel
28. Shikara
29. River Tern
30. Jerdon Clorophis
31. Yellow Browed Bulbul
32. R. R. Parakeet
33. River Tern.
34. Golden Backed Woodpecker
35. Short Toed Lark ?
36. Purple Sunbird.
37. Indian Roller.

4.10.74 - upto New Bridge - 6.15 to 7.15 a.m.

To day I noticed the peculiar mating habit of the Striated Warbler. When one bird was sitting on the wire over the paddy field the other came around in front of it just like a bee circuling over flower swiftly. Then the mated the bird sitting on the wire for about fifteen seconds and the two birds lost balance (maybe) and one on the wire cling from the wire by one leg while the other cling to the leg of the other bird head down wards both birds were in that possision for about three minutes without any motion as if they were electrocuted. Then they flew away in opposite directions.

38 Rock Pigeons
39 Little Stints
40 Common Sandpiper
41 Spotted sandpiper
42 Red wattled Lapwing
43 W. Bellied Drongo
44 Common Kingfisher
45 Hoopie
46 Striated Warbler
47 Iora
48 Little Egret
49 Palla's Eagle?
50 Faintail Warbler
51 Tree Pipit.

13.10.74 - upto Srinivasanallur - 6.00 to 8.00 A.M.

Still cultivation operations are going in some fields. Golden Oriole not yet arrived. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters, Swallows & Mynas assemble at certain spot a fly around. Near the new bridge in the "Tittu" Egrets were seen in large numbers. Probably they are roosting there every night. The flew now each morning and evening in large numbers. Yesterday, I saw swallow flying one after the other over the house at about 5.45 A.M probably from a roosting place. It may be an act daily occuring.

52 House swift
53 Pied Kingfisher
54 Medium Egret
55 Kestral
~~Little Stint~~
56 Spotted owlet
57 Pied Crested Cuckoo
58 Brahminy Myna
59 Ashy Wren Warbler

Second Half of October 1974

Trip to Madurai then Coimbatore
Coimbatore to Musiri then CBE
then Musiri

Mainly Dry Wheather -
Unusually this year there is
no S E Monsoon Rains

Due to lack of rain or other
reasons the Sawollows around
Coimbatore were less in number
Shrikes were numerous - Bay Backed
and Rourfous were plenty around
Palladam.

Nearly Hundred Birds
were noted by me.

Blue Tailed Bee Eaters
were every were.

Golden Oriole not yet
arrived any where.

2.11.74 up to new bridge - Via by pass Road
6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

Cold chill Wheather - Rain on 27.10.74
Yellow wagtails were many in numbers
Sandpipers were in good numbers
and a pair engaged in fight.

1 Little Egret
2 Paddy Bird
3 Pariah Kite
4 Com. Sandpiper
5 Spotted Sandpiper
6 Little Stint
7 River Tern
8 Koel
9 R.R. Parakeet
10 W.B. Kingfisher
11 Common Bee Eater
12 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
13 Bush Lark
14 Common Myna
15 Red Vented Bulbul
16 Indian Roller
17 Grey Drongo
18 King Crow
19 Spotted Dove
20 Rock Pigeon
21 Tree Pie
22 Jungle Babbler
23 Striated Reed Warbler
24 Fan Tail Warbler
25 Ashy Wren Warbler
26 W. Pied Wagtail
27 Yellow Wagtail
28 Grey Wagtail
29 Common Swallow
30 House Sparrow
31 House Crow
32 Jungle Crow
33 Golden Backed Woodpecker

29.11.19 – Umayalpuram – 6.30 to ~~9~~7.30

Practically no rain for the past one month. Peculiar for the past of this year. Paddy fields – lusty Green – water dwindled in Cauvery.

More than forty five (45) birds noted. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters Absent

A new variety of Wag Tail seen first in my bird watching causes. Grey Headed Mynas in good number.

34 Wag Tail with Black Batches on the sides of stomach
35 Coppersmith
36 Tailor Bird
37 ~~Black~~ [illegible]
38 Grey Headed Myna
39 White Throated Munia
40 " Backed Munia
41 Indian Robin
~~Golden Backed Woodpecker~~
42 Flower Pecker
43 ~~[illegible]~~ White Browed Babbler
44. Spotted Owlet
45 B. B. Finch Lark
46 Pied Crested Cuckoo
47 ~~[illegible]~~ Spotted Munia
48 Palm swift
49 Red Wattled Lapwig
50 Hoopie
51 Green Billed Malkoha
52 Green

6.12.74 Upto New Bridge - 6.35 to 7.35 A.M.

Agricultural operations in one or two fields - Paddy at various stages of growth - No ~~growth~~ Rains. Ashy Swallow Strike which were numourous During August were completly absent. Blue Tailed Bee Eaters & Wag Tails in large numbers. Golden Orioles not yet seen.

1 Jungle Babbler
2 Common Crow
3 Jungle Crow
4 Common Myna
5 Tree Pie
6 B. Bellie F. Lark
7 Blue. T. Bee Eater
8 White Wag Tail
9 Grey Head Wag Tail
10 Pied Wag Tail
11 Rock Pegion
12 House Sparrow
13 Yellow throated Sparrow
14 Black Drango
15 Grey Drango
16 Byths Reed Warbler
17 Purple Rumped Sunbird
18 W. Breasted King Fisher
19 River Tern
20 Paddy Bird
21 L. Ringed Plover
22 Common Sandpiper
23 Green Shank
24 Shikara
25 Spotted Owlet
26 Pariah Kite
27 Black Headed Munia
28 Common Swallow
29 Two Crooses
30 Boya Weaver

20.12.74 upto Umayalpuram 6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

NO RAIN for the past two month. Little water flowing in the Cauvery. Ucleptes Trees in flower. Paddy fields with beautiful Green.

Noted a single Paradise fly catcher. Golden Oriole not yet arrived. A mystrey or I miss it. Grey Headed mynas in good numbers. Not a single Brahminy Myna. New Birds for the Month:-

31. White Browed Bulbul
32. Flower Pecker
33. Purple Sunbird
34 Grey Headed Myna
35 Brahminy Kite
36 Little Egret
37 Cattle Egret
38 Indian Robin
39 Iora
40 White Browed Shrike
41 Golden Backed Woodpecker
42 Tailor Bird
43 Palm Swift
44 House Swift
45 Shikara
46 Common Bee Eater
47 Minavet
48 . ? Cuckoo

30.12.74 – 3.15 to 5.15 P.M.

Went by cycle in the Trichy Road upto Umayalpuram and then climbed the left bank of the Kaveri and returned via the Bund to Musiri

Bright sunny afternoon.

No water in the river except in the low sand beds.

Able to hear Golden Oriole, and Brian Fever Bird and Coppersmith

A ~~beautiful~~ ~~Eagle~~ Eagle with Black head and barred under part was seen. The tip of the wings are black. The curled upwards in the flight. On the sand beds in the cavaury there were not many birds. The list overleaf includes few birds seen in the forenoon while going to the college.

30-12-74 Amayalpuram Route

House Crow
Jungle Crow
C. Myna
Jungle Babbler
Black Drongo
W. B. Kingfisher
Palm Swift
Common Swallow
Brown Swift
Indian Roller
P. Rumped Sunbird
49 Golden Oriole
50 Brian Fever Bird
51 Copper Smith
Blyth's Reed Warbler
(49–51 and Blyth's Reed Warbler bracketed: Heard)
52 Green Leaf Warbler
Tailor Bird
53 Little Minaret
54 Fantail Warbler
56 Glossy Drongo
55 Red Wattled Lapwig
~~White~~ Browed ~~Bulbul~~
~~Red~~ Wented Bulbul
Blue Tailed Bee Eater
57 Common Bee Eater
Little Eageret

Pied Wagtail
Common Sandpiper
58 Lesser Sand Plover
59 White Backed Munia
60 Cuckoo Shrike
Pariah Kite
Brahmany Kite
Rose Ringed Parakeet
River Tern
61 Median Egret
Paddy Bird
62 One Beautiful Eagle
63 Flower Pecker
64 Indian Roller
65 Spotted Pigeon

Total ~~4~~5 30.12.74

Total for Dec 74
65

B. B. Finch Lark
Tree Pie
House Sparrow
Grey Wagtail